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RADIOFICATION IN THE USSR

There is growing evidence of the fulfillment of Lenin's prophecy of complete radiofication of the country. This is substantiated in part by various developments described below.

In the agricultural domain, the Urozhay radio station equipment, designed by a group of Stalin Prize engineers, has become very popular as a communications medium between the farmstead and tractor brigades, not only to speed up repairs etc, but also to carry on socialist competition between tractor squads. Forty three machine tractor stations in the Tatar ASSR have this dispatcher radio communication system installed. More than 700 Urozhay radio installations are in operation at present. The Buinsk Machine Tractor Station alone has equipped 17 radio field installations for furnishing operating instructions to tractor squads.

The number of Soviet radio amateurs is growing daily and they are becoming increasingly active. For example, the Dosarm radio club of the Georgian Republic has organized an annual exhibition of amateur radio work, and radio amateurs of the Frunze radio club in the Kirgiz SSR have built a collective radio station.

Picked brigades in radio factories have enthusiastically promoted socialist competitions for speed and workmanship, and for lowering the cost price of receivers designed for rural districts.

Young people are making great contributions to the radiofication of villages. This was brought out in a recent resolution of the Central Committee of the Komsomol on promoting the work of Komsomol organizations in the field of radiofication and amateur radio work. This committee proposed that Komsomol organizations should make active efforts to enlist pioneers and school children for amateur work and expand radio "circles" in schools, and in club centers for pioneers and young technicians.

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The wide response of young radio amateurs to this resolution is shown by their activity. In the RSFSR and the Ukraine, Latvia and Estonia, Armenia and Georgia -- everywhere, new cadres of young enthusiasts, who will comprise the radio engineering experts of the future, are growing in numbers. The Soviet government gives these youngsters every opportunity to pursue their ambitions in this field.

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